

Earth Day Planting Brings Many Greenbelt Volunteers

by Amy Hansen

Volunteers showed up in force for Greenbelt's Earth Day food forest planting on Saturday, April 23, at 10 a.m.

With new tools and 1,200 native plants, 40 volunteers were ready to literally dig into an area near the playground, putting in native flowers and grasses as directed by Greenbelt's Environmental Coordinator, Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll.

"Forty is the largest group I've had since pre-pandemic time," he said. "The native plants will provide food for caterpillars as host plants (including the turtlehead for the Baltimore checkerspot butterfly, our state butterfly) and the seeds from the flowers will feed birds and small mammals aplenty."

Mayor Emmett Jordan and Councilmembers Judith Davis and Kristen Weaver were among those helping with the planting. Jordan opened the event by talking about Earth Day and about the power of volunteering that he sees all the time.

"Volunteers are the force that really drives Greenbelt," he said, praising the assembled gardeners for giving up their Saturday morning.

The volunteers worked with



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll shows Earth Day volunteers how to use a planter. See more photos throughout the paper.

18 different types of plants including false blue indigo, big bluestem prairie grass and scarlet beebalm. The plants were purchased using funds from a Keep Maryland Beautiful Grant from North Creek Nurseries, Carpenter-Driscoll said.

At the end of the event, volunteers were given City of Greenbelt reusable tote bags (also purchased with the KMB grant) and commemorative posters, donated by local wildlife photographer Graeme Simpson and designed by Greenbelter Jean Newcomb.

Greenbelt Recreation Dept. Readies for Summer Camp

by Haley Kerby

Summer camp through Greenbelt Recreation Center looks much like it did before the pandemic, with a few new twists.

Kinder Camp, Camp Pine Tree, Camp YoGo and Camp Encore are all using most of the formats from earlier years. Creative Kids

Camp, however, is changing to a hybrid half-day or full-day camp.

Performing Arts Coordinator Chris Cherry said, "We realized last summer, when the camp hours were truncated because of the pandemic, that there are many children for whom a half-day is the optimum amount of programming. Offering the morning-only option also brings the camp within the financial reach of more families."

The morning option will be known as the Morning Mix, featuring rotating age cohorts among dance, art, music and circus classes. The musical is Summer Circus, which will highlight some of the campers who have focused on circus skills during earlier summers. Performances will be outside.

Campers can then choose to stay later in the afternoon to take part in the various Artful Afternoon activities of their choosing. Campers select a specific Art Adventure to attend every day of the two-week session, providing the opportunity for an in-depth

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PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

A small group of girls rest after touring the entire garden. They reported to Mary Lou that there are 53 art/statues in the yard. See story, page 12.

Pandemic Challenges Reviewed As OGT Plans Full Re-opening

by Matthew Arbach

The Old Greenbelt Theatre (OGT) has made every effort to remain a viable and exciting part of the Greenbelt community as it has navigated the many challenges brought on by the pandemic, aided by the development of a number of innovative programs. OGT Executive Director Caitlin McGrath presented these efforts and the OGT's financial situation at a budget worksession on April 20 to council. According to McGrath, OGT has made a "continuous recovery" and gradual return to a "sense of normalcy."

The OGT is now having "a soft opening," said McGrath, with the main 368-seat house and 40-seat screening room available Friday through Monday, in preparation for a formal re-opening on Saturday, May 14. In a subsequent interview, McGrath revealed that both spaces will be at 50-per-

cent usage as of this week. The Media Literacy Lab (focused on K-12) is open as well, having had its first workshop this past weekend, where composer Andrew Simpson instructed 9- to 12-year-olds in the creation of original music for silent shorts. Recently, a free series of nine small-group, invitation-only test screenings provided valuable feedback on procedures to accommodate additional health and safety measures.

Prior to closing on March 13, 2020, the OGT had been running seven days a week since opening in May 2015, with the current audience numbers at 25 to 30 percent of their pre-pandemic levels.

Virtual screenings, the "first foray into post-pandemic entertainment," according to McGrath, "proved a niche offering, and few

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Residents Contribute to Greenbelt Station Community Development Design Plans

by Destiny Herbers



PHOTO BY DESTINY HERBERS

Sophie Morley leads a group debrief with residents Phillip Payette, Alex Campbell, NDC volunteer Erin and others after the walk through.

Greenbelt residents discussed concerns about parking, infrastructure and accessibility of green spaces during the Neighborhood Design Center's (NDC) Greenbelt Station: Community Walk-Through on Saturday, April 23.

Participants walked around Greenbelt Station and the Indian

Creek trail in small groups with representatives from NDC, the City of Greenbelt and the Greenbelt Station homeowners association (HOA), offering perspectives on community needs and current uses for green spaces.

Sophie Morley, a program manager at NDC, said that walk-through events are the beginning of a process to update Greenbelt Station by improving existing green spaces with input from residents.

A recurring issue brought up by residents and stakeholders on the walk was the availability of parking spaces in the community, which limits accessibility for people who are not residents.

"People that live outside of Greenbelt Station can't really use these spaces. I struggled to find one single parking spot today," Phillip Payette, a Greenbelt

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What Goes On

Monday, May 2, 7:30 p.m.,
Budget Worksession: Public Safety, Municipal Building
Wednesday, May 4, 7 p.m.,
Budget Worksession: Recognition Groups, Municipal Building

See the city ad on page 5 and the meetings calendar at greenbeltnmd.gov for more information.

Letters to the Editor

Mailboxes Sacrosanct

Greenbelt residents and organizations should take note that it is against federal law to place flyers without paid postage into mailboxes. I'm looking at you, Boxwood Village Civic Association.

Michael Slonaker

GHI: What We've Lost

A core principle of cooperatives is they "are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting their policies and making decisions." (See: Cooperative identity, values & principles | ICA). Openness, transparency and accountability are key to this principle.

In 2016, the board of the GHI housing cooperative moved the discussion and approval of contracts from open session into executive session, with some limited exceptions. For the 67 years prior to 2016, contracts were considered and approved in open session. Only on rare occasions were contracts discussed in executive session.

As a result of the change made in 2016, GHI members no longer have the opportunity: (i) to learn and comment on the scope of contract work to be performed in our community and our units, or (ii) to have a voice in the expenditure of our funds.

Now, a proposal is being submitted to the membership for a bylaw amendment which would allow contracts up to \$100,000 to be approved by the board, with one reading only, rather than the standard two readings. This step toward "rubber stamp" approval of expenditures is being proposed for board operational "efficiency" purposes.

What happened to questions and thoughtful deliberation and consideration by the board?

In 2021, a former general

manager of a housing cooperative in NY spoke to the GHI Board about board operational "efficiency." That co-op board may have been efficient, however, that co-op experienced a \$40 million cost overrun on a \$100 million contract and the embezzlement of a quarter of a million dollars under that general manager.

Due care should not be lost in the push for board "efficiency."

Molly Lester

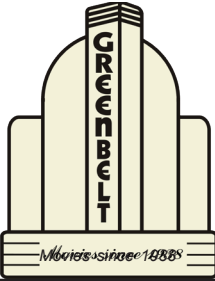
Thanks to DPW

I would like to send a well-deserved, long overdue, and sincere thank you to the men and women at the Greenbelt Department of Public Works (DPW). As a former DPW employee, I know firsthand the breadth of responsibility and standard of work expected of the DPW and its employees.

DPW employees have been working throughout the pandemic without the option to work from home or modify or reduce their duties, putting themselves and their families at risk. The DPW kept pace and took on more responsibility with reduced personnel and modified schedules. Through the entire pandemic, the DPW still picked up trash and recycling, kept the grass cut, maintained flower beds and street trees, responded to hazardous tree calls, plowed snow on the streets and sidewalks, made road improvements, kept public buildings, parks, and playgrounds clean and safe, and, overall, kept this city clean, safe, and functioning without as much as a formal thank you from City Council.

I am appalled that there has been no mention of the sacrifices the men and women at the DPW have made for this city and no serious discussion of compensation in a public meeting by City Council. ARPA funds can and should be used to give these

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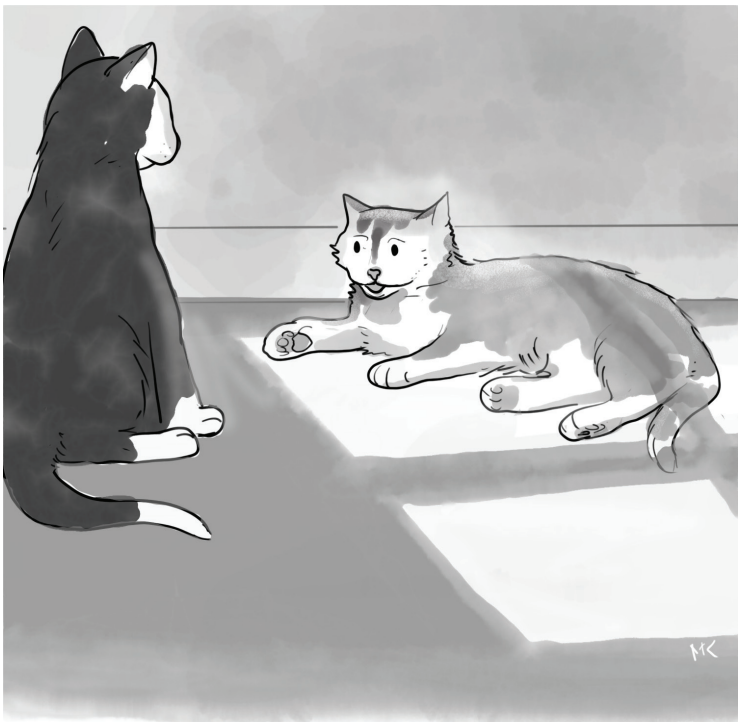
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(108 MINS)

MON. 1:00 PM SCREEN 1



I was considering the importance of
volunteering in local government,
but then I found this sunbeam.

- M. Kusie

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On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre

The Automat

Before fast food, there was something even better. Iconic, elegant and populist all at once: the Automat (aka Horn & Hardart) revolutionized American dining a century ago. Joseph Horn and Frank Hardart operated the first food service automats in Philadelphia and New York City. The restaurant chain was well known in the U.S. for serving food out of a vending machine for a nickel. The Automat became a gathering place for all, filled with communal tables for people to share their lives, their struggles and their dreams with each other. Debut filmmaker Lisa Hurwitz collages rare artifacts, images and memorabilia (including personal photos and deeply affectionate stories from former employees and the founding family) to create a love letter to the New York many still remember.

Not Rated, running time 79 minutes

Everything Everywhere All at Once

Directed by Daniel Kwan and Daniel Scheinert, this hilarious and big-hearted sci-fi action film tells the tale of Evelyn Wang (Michelle Yeoh), an aging Chinese immigrant and the weary owner of a laundromat under IRS audit who is swept up in an insane adventure, where she alone can save the world by exploring other universes connecting with the lives she could have led. Unfortunately, this sweeps her up into an even bigger adventure when she finds herself lost in the infinite worlds of the multiverse. "The kung fu/science fiction/metaphysical action comedy that you didn't know you needed, but just might love," said Brian Lowry of CNN Entertainment.

Rated R, running time 140 minutes

Make Space: What It Means to be Citizen of the Year

This 13-minute documentary short celebrates Shaymar Higgs (Greenbelt's 2021 Outstanding Citizen) and his success founding and running The SPACE.

Community Events

MADPresentsMolière’s Tartuffe Live Online

NASA Goddard’s Music and Drama club (MAD) presents a live online production of Molière’s play Tartuffe on Saturday, April 30 at 8 p.m. See madtheater.org for the performance link.

In the play, Orgon’s family is up-in-arms because he and his mother have fallen under the influence of Tartuffe, a pious fraud. Tartuffe tries to seduce Orgon’s wife, Elmire, only to be discovered by Orgon’s son, Damis. But Orgon thinks Damis is lying and banishes him from the house. Intrigue builds upon intrigue, leading to a dramatic conclusion.

Molière was a poet and Tartuffe was written in verse in French. MAD is using an English translation, which also is in verse. Director Randy Barth said, “This is an interesting departure for us from past works, though when you think about it, verse is somewhat like musical theater. It will be a new challenge, but once again our goal is to have fun participating, and we hope to communicate that sense of fun to the audience.”

Donations in support of MAD’s Play-Reading Group are appreciated.

CROP Hunger Walk Returns Live on May 1

The annual CROP Hunger Walk is almost here. For the last two years, the Walk has been virtual due to Covid. Now the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission says groups like CROP can walk in person around Lake Artemesia. The CROP Hunger Walk will begin around 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 1.

The goal is to earn funds to stamp out hunger. Locally, half of the funds that walkers earn from their sponsors will go to Help By Phone of Prince George’s County. Help By Phone has eight food pantries in eight area churches. The other half will go to Church World Service (CWS), an ecumenical charity helping refugees and hunger situations since 1946. Part of what CWS earns will aide Ukrainian refugees.

Local groups like the Eleanor and Franklin Democratic Club, the Golden Age Club and Greenbelt Community Church have participated in the past.

Step-off is from the parking lot of the Linson Pool and Wells Ice Rink on Campus Drive. For more information, email Lyn Doyle at lynbob20770@yahoo.com. All are welcome.

The SPACE Has Free Art for Everyone

The SPACE, a nonprofit makerspace and community center, has activities on an ongoing basis. On Saturday, May 7 from 1 to 4 p.m., there will be a free Comic Book Day, co-sponsored by PGCMLS. Join in at center court of Beltway Plaza with special guests Hellspawn Cosplay, CausePlay and Third Eye Comics. The SPACE can be found in Beltway Plaza directly across from the AMC theater.



ERHS Hosts Walk To Cure Arthritis

To support the 2022 Walk to Cure Arthritis, participate in Rock the Walk/Prince George’s County on Saturday, May 7 from 9 a.m. to noon at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. To register or donate, visit walktocurearthritis.org/pgcounty.

Greenbelt Park Offers Free Campfire Program

Campground guests and the public are welcome to join in under the stars for a traditional NPS campfire program at the Greenbelt Park campground. On Saturday, April 30, the campfire features “Mission 66 – The birth of the Greenbelt campground and improvements to the National Park Service.” The campfire program resumes in May on Saturdays May 14, 21 and 28.

For more information, call 301-344-3944 or visit nps.gov/gree.

GVFD Auxiliary Holds Community Yard Sale

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will hold its Indoor Community Yard Sale on Saturday, April 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 125 Crescent Road. Come support the fire department and ladies auxiliary. Refreshments as well as homemade baked goods will be available for purchase. Tables are still available to rent. See the classified ad on page 10 for details.

Masks are not required but may be worn, if desired. The sale is handicapped accessible.

Garden Club Sale Returns to Greenbelt

On Saturday, May 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Beltsville Garden Club’s (BGC) spring plant sale will, for the second year, be held in Greenbelt. BGC’s decades-long tradition of spring sales at High Point High School has been trumped by Greenbelt enthusiasm and the comfortable convenience of the farmer’s market venue.

Last spring was, with Covid safety at the forefront, a challenging time to change locations. Generations of area gardeners had planned their spring plant shopping around BGC sales at High Point. The Greenbelt venue, so spacious and convenient with food options, restrooms and ample parking, justified the move. Crowds of masked customers came out – long-timers with sharp eyes for rare plants mingling with and advising homeowners hoping to transform a scruffy yard into a garden refuge.

The location is behind the New Deal Café, in the same parking lot used for the farmers market on Sundays. Adjacent parking is plentiful.

Chalk Talk



PHOTO BY RACHEL MCMULLIN

Annabelle Breazeale enjoys the 2019 Green Man festival.

Come join in Friday evening after 7 p.m., May 6, to kick off the Green Man festival weekend by transforming the Roosevelt Center Plaza into walkable art, fleeting but delightful. Every child, and those who still hold one inside, are welcome to join in for that evening and the two days of the festival. Sidewalk chalk will be provided all weekend. Free expression encouraged.

‘Twas the night before Green Man and all ‘round Roosevelt Center park, folks with colored dust on their hands drew from dusk until dark. The gray surface transformed with pastels that beguile, with curves swirling and spinning that will make Gaia smile. From the north to south side and in between from Ridge and old Gardenway the ageless children of chalk make it merry and gay.

Meet and Greet Event For Brooke Lierman

There will be a meet and greet breakfast event for Brooke Lierman, a candidate for Maryland State Comptroller at the New Deal Café on Saturday, April 30 from 10 to 11 a.m. RSVP to brookelierman.com/Greenbelt or email tunji@brookelierman.com. Learn more about Brooke and what a comptroller does at brookelierman.com.



Astronomical Society Meets Live, Remote

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will be meeting on Thursday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m. Note that they are returning to the Community Center this month, meeting in Room 114. They will also have a remote link to the meeting available at greenbeltastro.org.

Art Students Exhibit Their Work on Council Room Walls

Color Ways, a new display of artwork in the city council chambers, features works in several media by Recreation Department art students. Amy Beckrich, Kemlyn Brazda, J. Gravatt, Barbara J. Murray, Melissa Pickworth and John Rebstock all contributed pieces to the show. Selections include studies of master paintings as well as personal compositions based in both observation and imagination.

Visitors to the Municipal Building can see the artwork Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., whenever the Council Room is not reserved. To confirm

the daily schedule, call 301-474-8000. To enter the building, ring the doorbell at the front (entrance facing Crescent Road). The current exhibit will be on view through July 22.

Displays in the Council Room always feature the creative voices of people who live, work and play in Greenbelt. Those with artwork they may be interested in sharing can write to ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov. For information about the city’s arts classes and events for all ages, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts. City arts programs are supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.



PHOTO BY AMY BECKRICH

On the River by Amy Beckrich, watercolor and ink on paper



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

The Delgado family puts in new plants near the Buddy Attick Park playground on Saturday, April 23.



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Obituaries

Audrey Boushell



Audrey Boushell

Audrey Boushell was a kind, compassionate and loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister. She died on April 21, 2022, at the age of 85. She had lived in Greenbelt for 63 years when she moved to Severna Park in the fall of 2021. Born Audrey Ann Gibson in Liverpool, England, she married Carl Boushell (deceased) on March 31, 1956; afterward, they came to the United States. Audrey was very active in the community and spent as much time as possible with her family and friends. She enjoyed walking around the lake and working in the garden with Carl. Her grandsons greatly appreciated when she

took each of them to Liverpool to meet their British relatives when they turned 12 years old. Her hobbies included knitting, crocheting and watching British shows and old movies. Audrey was an active member of local Methodist churches for 63 years (including Mowatt Memorial and College Park Methodist Churches). She was a member of the women's group at the College Park United Methodist Church and volunteered (with Carl) with Meals on Wheels of College Park. She had a diverse work history as a dental assistant at the McCarl Dental Group in Greenbelt, a floral assistant at Behnke's in Beltsville and a telephone operator for NASA in Greenbelt. Audrey is survived by her sister Norma and many nieces and nephews in England. She is also survived by her daughters Lorraine (husband Michael) and Valerie (husband Kumar); her son Clinton (wife Susan); grandsons Michael (wife Christine); Eric, Nicholas and Stephen; and great-grandson Murphy. There was a visitation on April 26 and a funeral service on April 27 at Robert Evans Funeral Home followed by interment at Ft. Lincoln Cemetery in Brentwood.

Mowatt Church Yard Sale May 7

There is a yard sale on Saturday, May 7, from 9 a.m. to noon at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road. The sale includes make-a-Mother's-Day-card, baked goods, costume jewelry, candles, beach towels, beach bags, fragrances and lotions, collectibles and books. Plus, volunteers will gift wrap any Mother's Day purchases. The money raised by the yard sale will be used for two purposes: First, to support the church's missionary, Katherine Zevallos, in Colombia serving orphans and needy children and their families. Second, to assist the church's partner, the BSA Venture Crew, with purchasing camping equipment and funding summer activities. BSA Venture Crew is an inclusive program through the Boy Scouts of America for males and females aged 14 to 20 (or 13 if they have completed the 8th grade). Youth and advisors meet on set schedules and plan activities and events for youth. To rent a table space call 301-474-9410 and leave a number to receive a return call. Set-up begins at 8 a.m. In case of inclement weather, the yard sale will move indoors to the Fellowship Hall. Enter through the white doors on the Ridge Road side of the building. Masks are required and social distancing is in place, if the yard sale moves indoors.

City Notes

The Community Center hosted GAIL's produce/diaper distribution, an American Red Cross blood drive and a Museum lecture, Women of WWII, which drew 47 attendees. A new permanent mosaic art installation enhances the newly painted Youth Center lobby. At the Aquatic & Fitness Center, contractors prepared the outdoor pool. Sustainability/Environmental held an electronics recycling event. At Indian Creek, eight volunteers helped remove over 180 pounds of trash. Planning, Public Works and Recreation met with Pepco about possible electric vehicle charging stations at Buddy Attick Park. Refuse/Recycling collected 28.66 tons of refuse and 11.49 tons of recyclables; 30 vinyl banners from past city events went to BicycleTrash artisans for repurposing. Therapeutic Recreation facilitated meal delivery to 25 seniors and six families received financial assistance. Park rangers provided early coverage for the Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association's sunrise service at Schrom Hills Park. CARES's new program, Getting Ahead – Understanding Your Finances, encourages effective budgeting and household finance.



Our condolences to the family and many friends of Peter Rocco Renzi, known affectionately as Petey, who died April 25, 2022, aged 39. He led a full life, despite being diagnosed with Duchenne's muscular dystrophy as a small boy living in Greenbelt in the early 1980s. Poet, musician, writer and rapper, Petey's unquenchable spirit, and the tender care of his family and other caregivers, sustained him throughout. Our thoughts are with the family and friends of Audrey Boushell who died April 21, 2022. She lived in Greenbelt for 63 years until moving last year to Severna Park. She was a mainstay of local Methodist churches, active gardener and enthusiastic lake walker. Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

Letters continued

first responders hazard duty pay for their role in keeping this city clean and safe during the pandemic. Yes, public works employees are considered first responders. Without them, the police, firefighters and paramedics would not be able to do their jobs. Who keeps the roads clear in a snowstorm all day and all night? Who removes downed trees blocking the roads any time of day or night? Who is on call to assist in any capacity 24/7 for any emergency the city might encounter? The dedicated men and women of Greenbelt's Department of Public Works, that's who. Since the elected public officials of this

city will not formally thank you, I will. Thank you for all you do, DPW, and it was a pleasure working with all of you. Jason Martin Former Horticulture Crew Supervisor DPW

Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present. You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.



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Psalm 121:7

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City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.



MEETINGS FOR MAY 2-6

Monday, May 2 at 7:30 pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION - PUBLIC SAFETY**, *In-Person*

Tuesday, May 3 at 7pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, Community Center Room 103, *On the Agenda: Finalizing the Preparations for Upcoming Forums in Community Policing*

Tuesday, May 3 at 7 pm, **ARTS ADVISORY BOARD**, *On the Agenda: Review and approval of April Minutes, Recap of Grant Review Panel, Election of Officers, Round Robin, Adjourn*

Wednesday, May 4 at 7 pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION - RECOGNITION GROUPS**, *In-Person*

Thursday, May 5 at 6 pm, **EMPLOYEE RELATIONS BOARD**, *On the Agenda: Hearing Procedures, Executive Session at 6:30 (Subject to Closed Session), Other Business, Adjourn*

In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000. For information on public participation for the meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov

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- ARTS ADVISORY BOARD
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- COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD
- GREENBELT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
- GREEN ACES
- PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
- YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CITY WELCOME PACKETS

The City Welcome Packet is back!!! We're looking for volunteers to help package and stuff bags full of materials from local businesses, non-profits, and the City for all of our new Greenbelt residents.

When? May 13 from 12 - 3 pm

Where? Greenbelt Municipal Building, located at 25 Crescent Road

For more information, contact Chondria Andrews at candrews@greenbeltmd.gov or (240) 542-2026.

GREENBELT EMERGENCY DIAPER DISTRIBUTION

The Greenbelt Nursery Project is supporting Greenbelt families in need of diapers on Wednesday, May 18

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
<https://forms.gle/tQYSvR2vArxMcLLz8>

Contact Katherine Farzin
Office: (240) 542-2019
kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov

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El Greenbelt Nursery Project apoya a familias en Greenbelt con la distribución de pañales miercoles, 18 de mayo

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Contacto Katherine Farzin
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kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov



Friday, May 20 | 6:30 - 8:30am

Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center parking lot

Celebrate the 10th year of the Greenbelt Pit Stop! Free registration at biketoworkmetrodc.org



CITY OF GREENBELT NOTICE OF A PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The City Council of the City of Greenbelt proposes to increase real property taxes.

1. For the tax year beginning July 1, 2022, the estimated real property assessable base will increase by 6.35%, from \$2,248,050,638 to \$2,390,877,414.
2. If the City of Greenbelt, Maryland maintains the current tax rate of \$0.8275 per \$100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 6.35%, resulting in \$1,181,892 of new real property tax revenues.
3. In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments, the real property tax rate should be reduced to \$0.7781, the constant yield tax rate.
4. The City is considering not reducing its real property tax rate enough to fully offset increasing assessments. The City proposes to adopt a real property tax rate of \$0.8425 per \$100 of assessment. This tax rate is 8.28% higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate \$1,539,725 in additional property tax revenues.

A public hearing on the proposed real property tax rate increase will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 23, 2022, in the City Council Room, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

The hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged.

Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 for further information.

FREE COMMUNITY NURSING PROGRAM

The City of Greenbelt's Assistance in Living Program (GAIL) in partnership with Bowie State & Washington Adventist University Schools of Nursing are proud to resume offering this program to Greenbelt seniors age 60+ or disabled adults 50+ residing within incorporated City limits.

For more information visit: <https://bit.ly/3OBoe19>

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LIFE GUARDS, POOL MANAGERS, AQUATIC INSTRUCTORS, CUSTOMER SERVICE POSITIONS, PERSONAL TRAINERS, ART INSTRUCTORS & ASSISTANTS

OFFICIAL NOTICE The Greenbelt City Council has scheduled a

PUBLIC HEARING To be held during the Regular Meeting of Council Monday, May 9, 2022 7:30 p.m.

CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND EACH OF THE OTHER FUNDS OF THE CITY.

This is the first of two Public Hearings on the budget. The second will be held on Monday, May 23, 2022.

The Public Hearing will be held in person at the Municipal Building and virtual via Zoom. Public attendance and participation are encouraged.

All residents of Greenbelt will have a reasonable opportunity to provide written and oral comments and ask questions concerning the entire budget.

Copies of the proposed budget may be examined at the City Offices, 25 Crescent Rd., during normal operating hours. The budget is also posted on the City Web site at <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov>. For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

Bonita Anderson
City Clerk

Greenbelt ARPA Funds Assistance Programs Update (as of 4/18/22)

Rent and Utility Assistance
· 264 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$1,046,217.98

Mortgage and HOA fee Assistance
· 9 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$18,122.75

ART STUDIO OPEN HOUSE Sunday, May 1 1 - 4 pm



Mark your calendars for our upcoming Art Studio Open House and visit the studios of the Greenbelt Community Center's Artists in Residence on Sunday, May 1, 1 - 4 pm, Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD. ow.ly/2v9G50IHRsH

Mosquito Control

Protect yourself and your home from mosquitoes this summer. Visit <https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/government/departments-con-t/public-works/mosquito-control> for tips on mosquito control and preventing West Nile Virus.

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MAY 7
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City of Greenbelt

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GREENBELT RECREATION
2022 SUMMER CAMP GUIDE

Greenbelt Recreation's 2022 Summer Camp Guide has been posted! Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation for more information

Council Discusses Proposed General Government Budget

by Diane Oberg

At a budget worksession on Wednesday, March 30, the Greenbelt City Council reviewed Acting City Manager Timothy George’s proposed General Government budget for fiscal year 2023 (FY23), which begins July 1.

The General Government budget accounts for the management and service areas for city operations including the city manager’s office, Human Resources, Information Technology (IT), Finance and others. George is proposing to increase spending in this account by 12.1 percent over last year’s adopted budget to \$4.6 million.

Issues

George identified three issues and services for FY23: recovering from the pandemic, managing and funding capital projects, and staff recruitment and retention. George is cautiously optimistic the city will experience a more normal summer and fall as economic activity increases.

A related issue is managing and funding capital projects. Most city buildings are 45 to 60 years old, and the oldest facilities are more than 80 years old. While the city has allocated more funds to capital projects in recent years, George wrote, those funds were insufficient to meet all the needs. The city, he wrote, should not overlook the opportunity to allocate a portion of the \$22.88 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to address some of those needs. So far, the city has provided \$1.5 million in assistance to residents and businesses. In May, the city is due to receive the results of the community engagement on how to spend those funds and will begin to make allocation decisions.

All city departments are feeling the weight of the “Great Resignation” with most down at least one or two employees, while Police and Recreation are down much more. The city manager’s office is working with all departments to develop solutions to recruit and retain employ-

ees. These include increasing the minimum wage in all departments to \$15 per hour, two years ahead of what is required under state law. This will provide a living wage and make the city more competitive in recruiting staff. The city will also be undertaking a compensation study to review the city’s pay and benefits versus those in similar communities.

Staffing

George is proposing three new positions in the General Government account: a diversity, equality and inclusion coordinator, a security analyst and a full-time grant coordinator in the city manager’s office. (A non-classified grant coordinator position in the finance office is being eliminated.) In addition, the network engineer position in the IT Department would be eliminated in favor of a higher-grade assistant director for IT. Finally, the video producer position in Community Promotion is being eliminated and the part-time public information specialist is proposed to become a full-time position.

All told, the number of employees in the General Government account will increase by two to 26 full-time equivalents, if council approves the manager’s budget.

Information Technology

George is proposing allocating \$917,200 for the IT department, up from \$766,600 in the current fiscal year. One major focus next fiscal year is cybersecurity. IT Director Dale Worley told council that the city has hired a company that scans the city’s network around the clock. It currently scores Greenbelt’s security at 92 on a scale of 0 to 100. Staff is working to resolve the identified weaknesses. In addition to the proposed security analyst, Worley wants to hire a company to do a full cybersecurity assessment of the city’s systems. He noted that although the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) offers this service, they are very backed up in conducting assessments. By

hiring someone, the city will get a list of whatever it needs to do to improve security sooner than it would using DHS.

Administration

The Administration budget covers the costs of the city manager’s office, including the city clerk. The proposed addition of a diversity, equity and inclusion coordinator, and the upgrade and movement of the grant coordinator have resulted in a hefty increase in the budget for this account. Under the manager’s proposal, expenditures would increase from \$819,900 in the current budget to \$1,022 million, an increase of 24.7 percent. The budget for this account significantly increases expenditures for membership and training (368 percent to \$28,600), including attendance at several professional conferences.

Other Accounts

The Economic Development staff has taken on new responsibilities in the current fiscal year, including soliciting and reviewing requests for rental, mortgage and business assistance. The staffing of this area was increased in the current fiscal year by adding a short-term temporary worker and an intern. For FY23, George is proposing to replace these two positions with one that would have more authorized work hours. As a result, FY23 personnel expenses are proposed to equal \$124,300, an increase of 7.3 percent. Operating expenses are proposed at \$48,800, up 134.6 percent and including funds for development of marketing materials and for software subscriptions.

The elections budget is proposed to decrease 100 percent

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Ukraine Vigil



PHOTO BY PASSERBY

Ukraine vigil continues at the Roosevelt Center, April 24 from 2 to 3 p.m. and every Sunday until the end of the war. Pictured from left, John Campanile, Marj Donn, Donna Hoffmeister, David Shapiro, Michael Travis and Bill Orleans.

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How long will it take? Initial evaluation (to determine eligibility): 2 hours; pre, post, and training portion = approximately 25 hours.

For more information, please contact:
Ms. Carol Gorham
hearing@umd.edu, 301-405-4236

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Meeting of the GHI Board of Directors on
May 5, 2022

A. GHI Closed Meeting – begins at 7:00 p.m. (closed to visitors and members)

a) Approve Minutes of the Closed Meeting Held on March 17, 2022

b) Consider Approval of the following contracts:

- 2022 Contract for Gutter Cleaning - 2nd reading
- Renewal of Contract for Telephone Services - 2nd reading
- Contracts for Repairs to Two Assigned Units - 2nd reading
- 2022 Contract re: Roof Replacements for Frame Homes and Garages - 1st reading
- 2022 Contract re: Roof Replacements for Masonry Homes - 1st reading
- 2022 Contract for Exterior Repairs to Masonry Homes - 1st reading

c) Member Financial Matters

d) Member Complaint Matters

B. GHI Open Meeting – begins at 7:45 p.m (open to visitors and members)

a) Statement of Closed Meeting Held on April 25, 2022

b) Statement of Closed Meeting Held on May 5, 2022

c) Letter from the Legislative Government Affairs Committee to the Board re: Reverse Mortgages

d) Proposed Charter for Member Handbook and Board Policies Standardization Task Force

e) Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on May 19, 2022

Members and visitors who wish to attend the GHI Open meeting must register in advance for this meeting via the following link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/ztAqC02spz4qHtYLurkjO9ewO7oVAiSZsmkN>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

To request a sign language interpreter for a board meeting, go to <http://www.ghi.coop/content/interpreter-request-form>, contact us by phone (301-474-4161) or fax (301-474-4006).

Lots to Do at 2022 Green Man Festival Weekend, May 6 to 8

by Richard McMullin

The first full weekend in May brings many great things to do in the heart of old Greenbelt.

Friday

First, on Friday night, May 6, the New Deal Café will feature a lively evening performance by ilyAIMY. The group combines award-winning songwriting, tight male/female harmonies, intricate slap-style guitar work, ukulele, djembe and an eclectically humorous stage show. While the show is going on, outside on the plaza, chalk work will begin to fill the center. This continues all weekend.

Saturday

On Saturday, May 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Beltsville Garden Club will hold their big plant sale in the parking lot west of the center. The Green Man Festival will kick off at 10 a.m. with a two-hour drum circle, followed by the festival blessing. Then at 12:30 p.m., the Bog Brothers will lead the festival parade around the center. At 1 p.m., KIVA, purveyors of ancient mystical songs, will perform. Up next is Soulfied Village at 2:30 p.m. Soulfied Village delivers the music you know and love—Funk, Rock, Pop, R&B, Neo-Soul, Gospel—while introducing their audiences to their “home-grown” material.

The final act to grace the festival stage is Global Warming at 4:30 p.m. They make the floor dance with great old classic tunes and lively originals.

Saturday evening, the New Deal Café hosts 49¢ Dress, a tasty mix of rock and roll with a dash of blues and soul. Featuring vocalist Melissa Orr, the DC-based band performs tunes by Amy Winehouse, Van Morrison, Duffy, and many others.

Sunday

Sunday morning, May 8 marks the start of the Greenbelt Farm-

ers Market, opening in the west parking lot at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. At the market, there’ll be produce, wine, cheese, baked goods, coffee, kimchi and much more. Bring a shopping cart.

The Green Man Festival opens at 11 a.m. with a low volume day just right for Mother’s Day. First on the stage at 11:30 a.m. is Tom Prasada-rao, a nationally known singer with a sweet, soft voice and a poet’s tongue. His song about George Floyd circulated around the world and has been performed by more than 100 other musicians in 22 countries. Greenbelt’s own super voice, Melissa Sites, will perform songs and ballads from folk lore of the past. Next up is a festival

favorite, Raincrow. The sound is authentic roots folk. You’re transported to the mountains, sitting on the front porch on a cool evening, stomping a foot and singing along. The day wraps up with a return of Mike Elish. Mike is another prolific singer/songwriter who captures bits of life and simple stories in his Dylan-like style.

When Sunday begins to fade, the Café will offer Crush Funk Brass, with a repertoire that spans from classical to New Orleans Second Line to old school R&B to modern Pop; they play all styles and genres of music and funk it up with the brass.

Don’t miss this great weekend in the center of Greenbelt!



John Klinovsky (standing) and Catherine Plaisant work together to get the plants in the soil at the Earth Day event on April 23.

D.C. Temple Tour



PHOTO BY NANCY SOLOMON

Greenbelters Nancy Solomon, left, and Katrina Boverman joined the Beloved Community Interfaith Network for a tour of the Washington D.C. Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Kensington on April 19. The Temple is opening its doors to the public from April 28 through June 11, after which it will only be accessible to members. Solomon attended the previous open house in 1974 after it was first built.



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GHI Candidates Forum

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<https://www.ghi.coop/Forum2022>

5pm Tuesday, May 3
Final deadline to petition for candidacy for Board of Directors, Audit Committee, or Nominations & Elections

7:30pm Thursday, May 12
Annual Membership Meeting
Online & Youth Center Gym
(see official notice for details)
Voting begins Thursday night!

Thursday & Friday, May 12-13
Vote online Thursday night or Friday until noon.
Vote in person at GHI 4-8pm Friday.

Questions?
Visit www.ghi.coop/election
email GHI.NominationsAndElections@gmail.com
or call N&E Chair Tom Jones: 301-474-6001

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people took advantage of the films available to rent.”

Flick of the Week, which was a Zoom discussion of a staff-selected film watched by members on their personal time, was ended after two months due to low participation.

Popcorn and concessions pick-up, which initiated a return to in-person activities, resulted in a situation where “staff felt safe, patrons were happy to support our organization and all transactions went smoothly,” said McGrath.

Said McGrath, private rentals “proved incredibly successful -- both in generating revenue and providing a needed service to our members.” Used mostly on special occasions like anniversaries, birthdays and holidays, attendance began at fewer than 10 and rose up to 20.

Moonlit Movies, in conjunction with the Recreation Department and co-sponsored by Town Center Realty and Beltway Plaza and held at Braden Field, sold out nearly every screening in 2020, with a drop-off in attendance with its return in April 2021. Ticket prices were kept to a modest \$5/person or \$20/circle.

Storytime on Screen was a free, virtual half-hour of stories, songs, crafts and educational video links. It received participation at in-person events that exceeded 100. Said McGrath, “Online, it became harder to track the number of participants, though we did note that chat participation dropped week by week.” OGT looks forward to continuing the partnership in-person in the fall of 2022.

For most of the closure period, OGT was forced to maintain low payroll costs with a staff reduction to four salaried and two hourly employees by May 2020. After a stint on unemployment by the salaried staff, who volunteered their efforts to keep the OGT operating, a Work Share agreement was reached in November 2020 with the state, with

the four salaried staff being paid in a 50/50 arrangement by the Friends of the Greenbelt Theatre (FGT) and state unemployment. In September 2021, the Work Share arrangement expired, resulting in full-time employment by three salaried staff alongside a small number of hourly concessions staff. “Combined with deferred payments for some utilities, various grants and the City of Greenbelt’s monthly support, we were able to cover all expenses incurred during the closure period,” McGrath said.

The 2020 End of Year fundraising campaign resulted in \$23,000, \$4,000 more than 2018.

OGT has received some valuable grants as well, including \$116,445 from Maryland’s Strong Economic Recovery Initiative; \$172,968 from the Shuttered Venue Operator’s Grant; and \$25,000 from the Greenbelt Business Improvement and Recovery Fund.

The city has provided integral financial support to OGT, which should be ongoing. Over the period of April 2020 through September 2021, OGT received \$71,973. The significant percentage of this sum is seen through the total amount of donations in this period at \$77,722.

During the pandemic, theaters have had to endure a stigma of being seen as a safety hazard. Yet, McGrath pointed out that realistically speaking, theaters provide more social distancing and lower numbers of people than, say, restaurants. Theaters across the board have suffered greatly in the pandemic.

Before the pandemic, the OGT had around 1,600 members. It has now dropped to around 400. Throughout most of the closure period, OGT refrained from selling memberships. A pro-rated membership was offered in September 2021, which will end in June 2022, to be followed by an annual membership campaign.

OGT has kept ticket prices the same throughout its seven years of existence. As it only recoups

30 percent in profit from each ticket, with 60 percent going to studios, raising prices would not bring in a significant increase in revenues. Yet, the possibility for a raise in prices is something being considered.

Council gave OGT high praise for their tenacity and willingness to explore every avenue available to survive and continue to provide enjoyable, quality films and programs, with Mayor Emmett Jordan extolling the OGT as “a cultural icon.”

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exploration of their favorite subject.

Families who only wish to have campers participate in the afternoon art sessions will be able to sign up for the remaining slots when the general summer class registration opens. Classes include

circus, hand-building ceramics, pottery, animation, comic books, Chinese and a maker space class combining science, engineering and art.

Registration is now open. Packets can be found on the city website.



Creative Kids Camp campers play a flock of mythical birds in their performance of Hercules and Hippolyta in 2019.



Greenbelt activists in the Peace and Justice Coalition of Prince George’s County, including Marj Donn, Lucy Duff and Donna Hoffmeister, pictured here, met with other peace activists from Pax Christi, Maryland Peace Action, and World Beyond War at the Northrop Grumman office in Linthicum, Md., on Earth Day to call attention to its status as one of the top 5 nuclear weapons makers in the world. In fiscal year 2022, the U.S. spent \$76,600,000,000 on nuclear weapons. Activists affirm that such funds could be better used for pandemic, health, environmental and equity programs.

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Police Blotter

Incidents reported here are from Monday, April 18 through Sunday, April 24, 2022. Media advisories may be more recent and involve more serious incidents. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an enquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email pd@greenbeltmd.gov. Note that the times provided are when they were reported and the incident described may have occurred earlier.

Assault
April 24 at 10:09 a.m. near 7500 Greenbrook Drive, domestic incident. April 24 at 7:52 p.m. near 8100 Lakecrest Drive, neighbor dispute turned physical.

Auto Recovered
April 22 at 11:04 a.m. near 9100 Springhill Lane, stolen tags located.

Auto Stolen
April 19 at 7:44 a.m. near 9100 Springhill Lane, 2020 Honda Pilot stolen. April 20 at 6:19 a.m. near 8100 Lakecrest Drive, unauthorized use of a vehicle, later located. On April 22 at 8:15 p.m. near 6300 Golden Triangle Drive, a 2005 Toyota Corolla stolen.

Auto Theft
April 19 multiple auto thefts were reported: at 6:28 a.m. near 7400 Greenway Center Drive, wheels and tires stolen from 2014 Chevy Impala; 4:19 p.m. near 7200 Hanover Drive, personal property stolen from unlocked vehicle; 4:52 p.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road, rear driver side window broken, personal property taken; 5:15 p.m. near 5900 Greenbelt Road, passenger window broken, personal property stolen; and at 7:59 p.m. near 5800 Cherrywood Terrace, rear license plate stolen. April 22 at 8:12 a.m. near 9000 Breezewood Terrace, rear license plate stolen.

Auto Vandalism
April 20 at 2:49 a.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, tires of Greenbelt city vehicle damaged. April 21 at 9:02 p.m. near 9200 Edmonston Road, tires slashed.

Break-in
April 19 at 8:20 p.m. near 6100 Breezewood Court, residence doorknob tampered with, no entry gained.

DUI
April 18 at 5:08 a.m. near Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Greenbelt Road, arrest. April 22 at 9:52 p.m. near 7400 Greenway Center Drive, arrest. April 24 at 5:17 a.m. near Hanover Parkway/Hanover Drive, arrest.

Fraud
April 19 at 2:25 p.m. near 9200 Springhill Lane, credit card information used fraudulently. April 21 at 1:30 p.m. near 6600 Lake Park Drive, unemployment fraud.

Missing Person
April 21 at 4:39 p.m. near 550 Crescent Road, missing juvenile reported, later located.

April 22 at 9:53 a.m. near 9300 Edmonston Road, missing individual reported, later located.

Road Rage Incident
April 23 at 6:00 p.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road, driver pointed a weapon at another driver.

Robbery
April 24 at 6:51 p.m. near 7500

Greenbelt Road, victim robbed at knifepoint, officers located the suspect and arrested him.

Theft
Commercial thefts were reported: on April 18 at 12:18 a.m. near 7900 Good Luck Road; April 20 at 6:03 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road; April 21 at 11:23 a.m. near 7400 Greenbelt Road; and April 22 at 5:22 p.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road. April 23 at 11:54 a.m. near 9000 Breezewood Terrace, handgun stolen from residence.

Vandalism
April 20 at 2:01 p.m. near 9200 Springhill Lane, disgruntled customer smashed business window.

April 20 at 7:12 p.m. near 7400 Morrison Drive, vehicle was dented and damaged by unknown object.



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resident, said.

Some roads in the community are owned by the city and have limited street parking spaces, but the rest are HOA-owned and require towing-enforced permits, HOA board member Alex Campbell said.

Central Park in Greenbelt Station, an open field space currently used for community days and pick-up soccer games, was identified as an important place to keep open because of its flexibility.

Campbell said that the city has plans to convert the two-lane roads on either side of Central Park to one-lane roads with parking on either side, making more spots available for visitors.

Another resident suggested NDC plan connecting paths and sidewalks from other recreational areas like Lake Artemesia to make walking and biking into Greenbelt Station easier and safer, alleviating some of the parking demand.

Residents were also concerned with the availability of trash infrastructure around the community and trail, pointing out areas of concentrated litter as places where trash cans need to be provided and maintained.

“Central Park is literally the only place you’re going to find a trash can near here,” Jeffrey Jackelen, a Greenbelt Station resident, said as he picked up litter during the walk.

He also pointed out that a section of land along the end of Indian Creek Trail near Greenbelt Station, where NDC is consider-

ing making updates, is rarely used by residents because it is mowed only once per year.

As the walk continued up Indian Creek Trail, Morley noticed a pair of benches with grass growing up through the slats. Campbell said he was not sure who was responsible for maintenance of that seating area, because some sections are owned by the city and some are owned by the HOA.

Other areas around Greenbelt Station have been acquired by WMATA as it prepares to build a connector trail between Indian Creek Trail and the Greenbelt Metro Station, which is expected to increase foot traffic, Campbell said.

“I don’t want to step on the toes of WMATA, they’re much bigger than us,” Campbell said, suggesting NDC avoid the marsh area where part of the proposed path will be built.

Morley said that NDC, an organization that has worked with Prince George’s County for 25 years, is working to have plans in place by the end of summer for short-, medium- and long-term improvements to green spaces.

The city has already allocated some funds for outdoor fitness equipment to be added near Greenbelt Station, Morley said, but NDC expects to collect residents’ priorities to negotiate more funding in the next budget.

Destiny Herbers is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism reporting for the News Review.



Young visitors enjoy a shady spot in Mary Lou Williamson's garden. See story, page 12.

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as there is no council election this year. The finance budget is proposed to increase 11.5 percent. An increase of 7.1 percent in personnel expenses, 10.3 percent in professional services and 67.5 percent in computer expenses are the big drivers. Professional services will increase due to the auditor’s review of CARES Act and ARPA funds. Computer services will increase due to the implementation and maintenance of the new financial system.

Human Resources expenditures are projected to increase 0.8 percent. The only budget line to increase significantly over this year’s budget is Membership and Training, where a 120-percent increase (from \$2,400 to \$5,300) is proposed. The budget notes attribute this increase to membership fees, subscriptions and training and professional development costs.

Legal counsel costs are projected as unchanged from the current fiscal year.

Public Information

A 6.3 percent increase (from \$386,000 to \$410,200) in expenditures for public information and community promotion is proposed. This increase includes funding for interpreting services to support video streaming (\$8,000) and for supporting the city’s upgraded website (\$24,000). As with other areas, membership and training funds have more than doubled from \$6,000 this year to \$14,900 in

FY23.

Seventy-five percent of expenditures for this account are covered by cable TV franchise fees. George is projecting these revenues to be equal to what was budgeted for the current year (and down from estimated receipts), noting that the number of cable subscribers has been decreasing as viewers shift to streaming services.

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Williamson Garden Offers Beauty and Camaraderie

by Amy Hansen

Azaleas popped like fireworks in Mary Lou Williamson’s public garden party on April 24. The garden, which overlooks the lake, was open to anyone who wanted to tour it, and about 100 people did, said Williamson.

While the woodland flowers and the fish pond and waterfall were the original pull for the

event, many people found the company of other gardeners, or would-be-gardeners, to be equally stimulating. After walking the wood-chip trails, visitors rested in shady areas to talk. Event coordination was done by Susan Harris, who is herself a master gardener, Sandy Lange, Melissa Mackey and Evelyn Crellin.



PHOTO BY SUSAN HARRIS

From left, Mary Lou Williamson, John Henry Jones and Nicole Williams enjoy the Garden Party.



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Visitors stroll through the delights of Mary Lou's garden.

My Perspective

No-mow Yard Harbors Blossoms

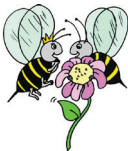
by Marc Manheimer

Here we are, into our fourth week of no-mow month, and my lawn is a jungle. It doesn’t bother me. I never bought into the American cultural imperative to cultivate a well-manicured, lush, green, weed-free lawn. In fact, I’ve been converting my lawn – a little more every year – into a wildflower bed. But to the casual observer now, late in no-mow month, the lawn is mostly tall grass with a lot of dandelions and little else. I thought that I’d make a closer inspection to see what diversity of plants may be hiding in the grass, providing food for our local pollinators. After all, that’s what no-mow month is all about.

On my safari, I found honeybees and native bees enjoying the bounty on my lawn. There were almost a dozen types of flowering plants (see accompanying photos). I’m not an expert on local wildflowers, so I made liberal use of the iNaturalist app for identification. One type of plant on the lawn was already in the seed-producing stage and some of the grasses in the lawn have sent up flower spikes. There were other as-yet-nonflowering plants that may flower before what my wife no-doubt hopes will be a no-later-than-Mayday mowing.

Aside from dandelion – the scourge of middle-class America – the flowering plants that iNaturalist identified are two species of speedwell, common blue violet, species of wintercress and fleabane, and non-natives red deadnettle, mock strawberry and common chickweed.

I’m not a total lawn-hater, so I hope that the damage that I’m doing to my lawn by not mowing all month won’t take too long to heal. I’ll be following the advice in the letter of Susan Harris (Letters, April 7 issue) to take the lawn down to its fully manicured height across several spaced-apart mowings.



Common blue violet



Common chickweed



Corn speedwell



Fleabane



Red deadnettle



Thyme-leaved speedwell



Wintercress



Mock strawberry

- Photos by Marc Manheimer



Weiguo Wang runs to launch his kite at an event at Northway Fields on Sunday, April 24, hosted by Greenbelt Unplugged and The SPACE.

PHOTO BY ANNE GARDNER

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